(d) whether Government have agreed to shift the Headquarters of Western Railway to Gujarat or Rajasthan as there is no Western Railways in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No, Sir.

Inquiry into mishap in Mahavir Colliery in Raniganj

552. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have decided to appoint a court of inquiry to go into the causes and circumstances of the Mahavir Colliery mishap in Raniganj in West Bengal during November, 1989 and also propose to enquire into the functioning on DG of Mines Safety;

(b) if so, by when a court of inquiry would be appointed and it would submit its report ;

(c) the number of persons died in the colliery mishap ; and

(d) what further measures Government have since taken to avoid recurrence of such colliery mishap in the country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) A proposal to appoint a Court of Inquiry under Section 24 of the Mines Act, 1952 is under consideration of the Government.

(c) Six persons died in the mishap;

(d) Provisions for safety health and welfare of workers employed in the mines are contained in the Mines Act, 1952 and the Rules and the Regulations framed thereunder and these are reviewed from time to time. Guidelines, where called for are also issued by the Director General of Mines Safety. As a result of the measures taken, the number of fatal accidents and fatalities have shown a decline in recent years.

Year	No. of fatal accidents	No. of fatalities
1986 . . .	250	300
1987 . . .	230	250
1988 . . .	228	252
1989* . . .	207	235

*Provisional

Use of hotel building constructed near Indira Gandhi Stadium

553. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a four storeyed hotel building near Indira Gandhi Stadium constructed by the DDA in 1982 has been lying unused suffer ;

(b) if so, the total investment made by the DDA to construct the said hotel building ;

(c) the purpose for which the said building was constructed and whether Government have since decided to use the said building for any purpose ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Approximately Rs. 5·3 crores.

(c) and (d) The building was originally meant to be a coaching-cum-Athletes Complex. Subse-

quently, various other uses were considered and it was decided to use it as a Hotel-cum-Hostel for sports persons under the aegis of the Sports Authority of India.

Self Employment Scheme for youths

554. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister has recently announced the introduction of a self employment scheme for the youths ;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof ;

(c) by when the above scheme would be introduced in the country ; and

(d) to what extent the growing un-employment amongst youths in the country would be curbed?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (d) A number of Self Employment Schemes for the Youth are already being implemented. A statement containing the details regarding some of the important scheme sponsored/ implemented by the Central/State Governments for the promotion of self employment is enclosed. (*See* below).

Statement

From the information available the following important schemes are being sponsored/implemented by the Central/State Governments for the promotion of self employment :

(A) *Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)* This programme aims at assisting rural families living below the poverty line by taking up activities in the field of Agriculture, animal Husbandary, Poultry etc. The scheme is funded by the Central and State Governments on 50:50 basis. The extent of subsidy is 25 percent for farmers, 33·3 percent for marginal farmers, agricultural labourers and Artisans and 50 percent for tribal families. The subsidy varies from Rs. 3000/- to Rs. 5000/-.Credit is available to IRDP beneficieries at 10% concessional rate of interest.

(B) *Training of Rural Youth for self Employment (TRYSEM)* TRYSEM is a scheme for improvement of technical skills to rural youth to take up self-employment. The expenditure on account of training is met out of funds earmarked for the IRDP. The assistance is in respect of monthly stipend to the trainees, supply of tool-kit once during the training period, payment to Institutions/ Master Craftsman and payment for the purpose of raw materials. The scheme also provides provision for strengthening of training infrastructure of training institutions.

(C) *Schemes for providing Self Employment to the Educated Unemployed Youth* The programme covers matriculates and above, between 18-35 years of age, in cities upto one million population and whose annual family income does not exceed Rs. 10,000/-. Composite loans varying from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 35,000 depending on the activities is paid, of which 25 percent is the subsidy. The scheme is implemented through the District Industries Centres and is fully financed by the Central Government. Loans sanctioned under this scheme attract interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum for specified backward areas and 12 percent for other areas.

(D) *Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP)* : The programme covers cities having population exceeding 10,000 and not covered under IRDP. Persons whose total family income does not exceed Rs. 600/- p.m are eligible for assistance under the programme. A borrower